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In re Application of
Michael R. Rice, et al.
Application No. 10/650,480
Filed: August 28, 2003
Attorney Docket No.: 7676/SYNX/JB

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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition, filed August 21, 2006, under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2) to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee.

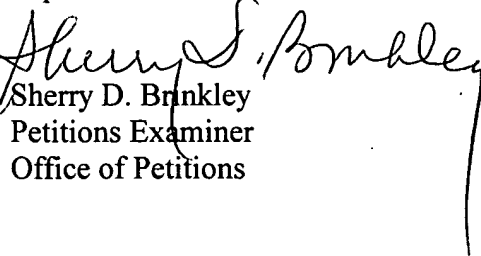
The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue for consideration of a submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (request for continued examination). See 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2).

Petitioner is advised that the issue fee paid on July 11, 2006, in the above-identified application cannot be refunded. If, however, the above-identified application is again allowed, petitioner may request that it be applied towards the issue fee required by the new Notice of Allowance.¹

Telephone inquiries relating to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3204.

The application is being referred to Technology Center AU 3661 for further processing of the request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114.


Sherry D. Brinkley
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¹The request to apply the issue fee to the new Notice may be satisfied by completing and returning the new Issue Fee Transmittal Form PTOL-85(b), which includes the following language thereon: "Commissioner for Patents is requested to apply the Issue Fee and Publication Fee (if any) or re-apply any previously paid issue fee to the application identified above." Petitioner is advised that, whether a fee is indicated as being due or not, the Issue Fee Transmittal Form **must** be completed and timely submitted to avoid abandonment. Note the language in bold text on the first page of the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (PTOL-85).



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Date : August 28, 2006
TO : Director, Office of Patent Publication
FROM : Office of the Deputy Commissioner
for Patent Examination Policy
SUBJECT : Withdrawal from Issue of

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Applicant(s) : Michael R. Rice, et al.
Application No. : 10/650,480
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The above-identified application has been assigned Patent No. 7,099,744 and an issue date of August 29, 2006.

It is hereby directed that this application be withdrawn from issue at the request of the applicant.

Do not refund the issue fee.

The following erratum should be published in the Official Gazette if the above-identified application is published in the OG of August 29, 2006:

"All reference to Patent No. 7,099,744 to MICHAEL R. RICE, ET AL. of CALIFORNIA for SUBSTRATE CARRIER HANDLER THAT UNLOADS SUBSTRATE CARRIERS DIRECTLY FROM A MOVING CONVEYOR appearing in the Official Gazette of August 29, 2006, should be deleted since no patent was granted."

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